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U.S. Patent 5,989,761 to Kawakubo et al., "Exposure Methods for Overlaying One Mask Pattern on Another," teaches a method to expose photolithographic masks onto a substrate.

U.S. Patent 5,847,813 to Hirayanagi, "Mask Holder for Microlithography Exposure," discloses a mask holding apparatus for lithographic exposure masks.

U.S. Patent 4,924,258 to Tsutsui, "Mask Holder and a Mask Conveying and Holding Mechanism Using the Same," teaches a mask holding and conveying mechanism.

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